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Praise Ye The Lord

F. D. CAREY

*Oh praise the Lord for His goodness to you;
If He should forsake, then what would you do?
Cry for the mountains to crush out your life,
And yet you continue in sin and in strife.
Wake up, dear brother, and see where you fail;
Be ready to go ere the ship shall sail.
And let not yourself be the devil's tool,
For the man who serves him is just a poor fool.
But there is a promise God to us has made,
A life that's eternal if we make the grade.
'Tis easy to do, if in Jesus you trust,
Then your treasures are where they never shall
rust.*

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PRAISE the Lord, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people. For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise ye the Lord.—Psalm 117:1, 2.

NOTICES

From the Field

The Oregon, Washington, Idaho states convention will convene in the high school auditorium, Wapato, Wash., May 1-4, incl. We are expecting the California, Montana and North Dakota overseers to be with us, also our beloved Assistant General Overseer, R. P. Johnson, and many other visitors from other states. We are going to give free entertainment to as many as possible. Welcome to all.—John E. Douglas, state overseer.

District Conventions

The Oak Grove, Miss., district convention will convene at Wheeler, Miss., May 9-11. C. W. Kendall, district overseer.

The Graham, Tex., district convention will convene at Graham, May 9-11.—Tom M. White, district pastor.

Anyone having tracts in the Italian language, for the unsaved, please send them to me to help get the gospel published to these people. Some already have been saved and two families have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Some are angry and fight this good holiness way, but prayer changes men's hearts. Please pray as you send the tracts.—Mrs. L. G. Porter, Box 6, Sarah Furnace, Pa.

The Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, and East Virginia camp meeting and state convention will convene at the Church of God Maryland camp ground, two miles from East New Market, Maryland, on Route 14, July 31-August 10, inclusive.

The camp meeting will be far greater than last year, as there will be new added features which will greatly increase the interest. We will have a new dormitory consisting of thirty-six rooms and a children's dormitory.

Meals—breakfast 15c, dinner 20c, except Sunday dinner, 25c. We have fourteen rooms with double beds at \$4.00 each, thirty-eight rooms with double beds for \$5.00 each, and two cabins at \$20 each. This does not include the linens. Those who desire rooms please notify Mrs. R. F. Koshewitz, 607 South Street, Easton, Maryland. For cabins deposit \$5.00 and for rooms \$2.00.

Rev. Zeno C. Tharp, superintendent of the Bible Training School, will be with us and speak during the camp meeting and teach the Bible class. There will be a number of out-of-state preachers who will speak at various times. Assistant General Overseer, Rev. R. P. Johnson, will be with us in part of our camp meet-

ing and state convention.

We have had some of the best preaching in our district conventions this year and these ministers will be a blessing to the camp meeting and state convention.

We are expecting the outpouring of the Holy Spirit during these ten days of service.

Let us make preparation for our vacation

IN THE UNITED STATES



Andre Potiez

The Rev. Andre Potiez of France, co-worker of Dr. C. B. French, missionary to France, arrived in America a short time ago and is now traveling with Dr. French, delivering lectures on the fall of France and conditions there. He left France about February 15, and after a long torturous journey he is here. At this writing they are conducting a revival at the East Chattanooga, Tenn., Church of God.

Brothers Potiez and French are very humble ministers and both are able speakers. Any church wishing to have them for either a revival or lectures on France; or, if you wish to communicate with them for any reason, you may address either of them in care of Rev. E. J. Boehmer, General Secretary and Treasurer of the Church of God, Cleveland, Tenn.

tion now so we can attend the camp meeting.

We trust that each pastor and church will make the honor roll. Our reports show an increase of this Assembly year.

For further information please see or write the following committee: Chairman, Rev. F. B. Marine, 2603 Edmondson Ave., Baltimore, Maryland; Rev. Arnold H. Folden, 200 Market Street, Seaford, Del., and Mrs. R. F. Koshewitz, 607

South Street, Easton, Maryland.

All have a special invitation to help us ring the shouts of victory.—Rev. W. J. Milligan, state overseer of Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, and East Virginia.

Good Workers in Christopher, Ill.

We praise the Lord for the Church of God at Christopher, Ill. We are going over the top with our mission quota. Praise the Lord! We have a fine group of workers here and we thank the Lord for them; they will give until it hurts and are willing to cooperate in all things.—J. H. Freeman, pastor, 1204 S. Mulkey St., Christopher, Ill.

It is our pleasure to have Brother Daniel Homner from B. T. S., who graduated this year, to pastor a church on the Somerset district. Brother Homner has decided to take the Windber church. The church has given him a warm welcome and we are sure he will prove a blessing to the work.—Wm. Morris, district pastor, 91½ Hickory St., Johnstown, Pa.

A Word of Gratitude

I thank God for His help and presence while I was in the hospital, also thanks to the many friends for their prayers, cards, and letters of encouragement. Oh praise the Lord. The proverb is true, "A brother is born for adversity," Prov. 17: 17. Even on the operating table I could feel the prayers of God's people hovering around. It's so good to know the angel of the Lord is near.

I would be glad if God would restore my health so I could get out and do a little more work before the Lord comes. May God bless my many friends everywhere.—Sincerely, D. H. Delk.

Special Wire!

Tampa, Fla., district convention was a great success. Mission offering, \$360.38; orphanage, \$15.07.—G. C. Hamby, district pastor, 4003 10th St., Tampa, Fla.

Special Notice to Pastors and Churches

In my travels over the country, I find that other churches are co-operating with various patriotic organizations for supplying soldiers of the democracies with such things as sweaters, hose, etc. Knowing the attitude of the Church of God as I do, I feel that you should contact the local organizations in your communities and offer your cooperation in this worthy endeavor.—R. P. Johnson, Asst. General Overseer.

God So Loved the World

Clyde C. Cox

Text: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

Introduction

The love of God is extended to the whole world without special favors or partiality to any nation. Christ came to take away the sin of the WORLD. His message is one and to all people, a universal message of love for all nations. We love Him because "he first loved us." I John 4:19.

The Text

Here God's greatest love is set forth through His Son for the families of the earth. The angel declared, "Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to ALL PEOPLE." Luke 2:10. "God was not willing that any should perish, but that ALL should come to repentance." 2 Peter 3:9. "Whosoever believeth" may freely be saved. "The Spirit and the bride say, Come . . . and WHOSOEVER WILL, let him take the water of life freely." Rev. 22:17. Yes, come without money and without price. Christ died for the ungodly, He laid down His life for His friends.

Gospel For All Nations

Where there is no vision the people perish. The vision of Christ was the WHOLE WORLD FOR GOD, so He gave His commission, "Go, teach ALL NATIONS," Matt. 28:19, teach them the way of salvation, that Christ died for them, too. He knew that they would never live to enter all nations. In His vision we come on the stage of action. The words confirmed by the apostles unto us must GO INTO ALL THE WORLD, so He said, "Go ye into ALL THE WORLD, and preach the GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE." Mark 16:15. Surely God would not suffer the heathen to perish. Remember what He said, "He that believeth not SHALL BE DAMNED." Mark 16:16. Are we to be witnesses unto other nations or just those that are called? Read for yourself, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and YOU SHALL BE WITNESSES UNTO ME, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and UNTO THE UTTERMOST PART OF THE EARTH." Acts 1:8. The latter is left up to us—to be faithful in sending the message to the benighted nations, lost in darkness without God. We are His witnesses, the LIGHT OF THE WORLD. Why doesn't Jesus come? This may be the answer, "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in ALL THE WORLD for a witness UNTO ALL NATIONS; and

then SHALL THE END COME," Matt. 24:14. Come, let's send forth the message of life through our Church of God missionaries. Probably gospels have been preached in all the world, BUT OLD-TIME CHURCH OF GOD REPENTANCE, SANCTIFICATION, AND THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST has failed to reach MILLIONS. But she is reaching out and bringing them into the fold.

To All Kindreds

Jesus said, "He is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles and kings, and the children of Israel." The Gentiles were looked upon as heathens by the Jews, but Jesus broke down that wall of partition and said, "Go preach to every creature." Paul said, "It is the power of God unto salvation, TO EVERY ONE THAT BELIEVETH." Rom. 1:16. Yes, it shall come to pass, "that WHOSOEVER shall call upon the name of the Lord SHALL BE SAVED." Rom. 10:13. God at one time winked at the ignorance of the heathens, but now commandeth ALL MEN EVERY WHERE TO REPENT. Acts 17:30. Did He accept them from all nations in His day, and will He accept them now? Positively yes. "Of a truth I perceive that God is no RESPECTER OF PERSONS: BUT IN EVERY NATION he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, IS ACCEPTED WITH HIM." Acts 10:34, 35. At first Peter declined but when God informed him that He Himself had been among them and cleansed the household of Cornelius, Peter readily went. Philip responded to the call and preached to the black man, and said to the Ethiopian, "Understandest thou what thou readest?" The eunuch replied, "How can I, except some man should guide me?" Philip led the heathen to God. Jesus talked with the woman of Samaria and said, "I would have given thee living water," yes, one gospel for all people. They will come from the East, West, North and South, together with Abraham, the friend of God, and will rest in the kingdom. "I thought just the Gentiles or American people would be in the rapture?" Then read what saith the Scripture, "Thou hast redeemed us to God by thy blood OUT OF EVERY KINDRED, AND TONGUE, AND PEOPLE, and we shall reign on the earth." Rev. 5:9, 10.

Our Duty

As Christians and according to Christ, our example as the first missionary of the gospel, it is our duty to see that the message reaches ALL NATIONS. We can hear the heathens cry, "Whosoever shall call upon the Lord shall be saved, but how shall we call on Him in whom we

have not heard? How can we believe in Him? no one tells us about Him. We cannot hear without a preacher. How can the preacher preach to us unless YOU CHURCH OF GOD PEOPLE SEND HIM?" Yes, in the early Church they laid their hands on them and SENT THEM. Acts 13:2, 3. Truly there was a mission board in the early Church, seven men full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom. Acts 6:1-7. After this set-up, "The word of God increased, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly." V. 7. It would be good to remember the words of our Lord how He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35. God was a giver, He gave His Son; Christ was a giver, He gave His life: WE CHURCH OF GOD PEOPLE ARE GIVERS, TOO.

Conclusion

Our Lord was a great missionary, He died for the people of ALL NATIONS. And please take note, "Now if any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of his." Rom. 8:9. God was not willing for them to perish. Christ was not willing, but HOW ABOUT YOU? God is depending on us, will we fail Him? God forbid that those poor destitute heathens will point their bony fingers in our face at the judgment of God. We will be responsible if we shut up our bowels of compassion for them. They are "OUR FRIENDS IN NEED."

Perry, Fla., District Convention

Perry, Fla., district convention convened at Cross City, Fla., Feb. 22, 23, E. M. Ellis in charge. We were made to sit in heavenly places throughout the convention.

Brother J. B. Ellis' presence added a sacredness to the convention as he brought those Spirit-filled messages. A most timely message was given by our state overseer, Brother E. M. Ellis. When the reports were read we began to realize how God had especially blessed in helping every church put the program over. We were glad to have all our visitors with us, especially Sister Lula Mixon who directed the choir singing and the Mariana trio who rendered many special songs. Our mission offering was \$76.00. —Mrs. Ellery M. Beard, Shamrock, Fla.

Revival

NATCHEZ, Miss. — A great two weeks' revival was conducted here recently by Rev. John A. Lambert, in which there were four saved, and one filled with the Holy Ghost. The Lord is still blessing.—Eugene Lambert, Rt. 1.

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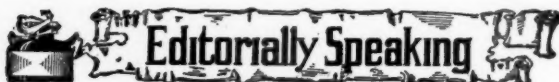
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The Church of God and War

IT WOULD be fallacy for the Church of God to be what its name implies and be a follower of the non-resistant Christ of Calvary and not be a pacifist group. We are thoroughly convicted that it is wrong for fellow men to slay each other. In view of this faith, the 14th General Assembly of Oct. 29-Nov. 4, 1919, added this statement to the printed teachings of the Church: "Against members going to war." Sometime later, to give a better understanding and to show that the Church of God was both loyal and patriotic in its support of the Government, these words, "in combatant service," were added to the statement regarding war. Thus in the Church of God teachings on page 136 of the Minutes of the 35th Assembly, article number 29 reads, "Against members going to war in combatant service."

The message of the Church is a message of life imparted to it by the One who said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." Its commission is a commission to preach the gospel of light and life to those who are under the sentence of death. These statements are not to be construed that the Church of God is not law-abiding for her teachings have ever shown that she is both submissive and loyal to the powers that be. Rom. 13:1-3, "Let every soul be subject to the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same." This is not only scripture, but is a teaching which is made prominent in the Church of God and is just as binding as any other.

The Christian must be law-abiding and constant loyalty should be manifest toward the laws of our country so long as they are not in direct conflict with the laws of God, and this is hardly expected in a country whose laws are founded on God's Word, which is supreme law.

Our Government and War

IN RESPONSE to a letter under date of April 4 from Paul Comly French, executive secretary of the National Service

Board for Religious Objectors, giving us an invitation to meet in conference in Washington, April 16, 17, to consider camps for conscientious objectors, R. P. Johnson, Assistant General Overseer, and E. L. Simmons were appointed as representatives of the Church of God to confer with the board and government officials on this important matter.

The conference was highly profitable and has resulted in a greater understanding between the Government and minority groups of conscientious objectors to war.

Plans have been worked out with the Government providing for camps to be established in various quarters where non-resistant groups can be engaged in other government work than that which is of a military nature, and can also have the religious training of their respective churches.

These camps are being sponsored in the main by three churches which are known as the Historic Peace Churches; namely, the Society of Friends (Quakers), the Church of the Brethren (Dunkers), and the Mennonites. The upkeep of those who go to these camps will be met by the individual, their churches, or the churches sponsoring their camps.

In an address to the conference, by General Lewis B. Hershey, in charge of the Selective Board, Washington, D. C., the General declared that we had nothing in the past to guide us in the future. It was easy to understand that the gross violation of all democratic rights and privileges by the totalitarian nations

has helped us to become even more democratic and more considerate of minority groups. Our government under this administration is trying to maintain an understanding attitude of all concerned and especially respect and protect the rights of religious liberty and dictates of conscience.

Never before has our government or any other government been so liberal in the time of such a grave crisis. Never before have those in military authority tried so hard to see that religious conviction is respected as now.

Our boys do not have to bear arms. We do not share the private-camp theory with the Historic Peace churches, but our boys will have the same liberty as conscientious objectors in the camp,

and, according to General Hershey, will be absorbed by the medical corps. If a mistake was made in assignment or classification, the case may be reopened as we have been assured. It is not too late for an appeal.

The Church of God My Church

THE CHURCH of God is my church and your church. Its officials are anxious to do anything within their power to help its members and constituents in the solving of their problems. God is giving His Church favor in this and other countries as He did Joseph in Egypt and Daniel in Babylon.

A conversation with M. P. Cross, recently returned from Haiti, assures us that a mighty revival has swept and is sweeping that country. Members of the army, officers as well as soldiers, have been saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Thousands are being baptized and lining up with God's Church. No place of worship is large enough to accommodate the crowds which attend. This in turn is affecting the neigh-

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The Terror of God

ALVIN H. THOMPSON

"Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men." II Cor. 5:11.

This old world is well acquainted with terror. Heart-rending scenes and experiences and horrors of every description have characterized man's ways from the fall of Adam down to today, and we can expect such things to continue until man is taken off of probation and Satan is in the bottomless pit. The "blitzkrieg" is a demonstration of modern terrorism; horrible ordeals are gone through when suicide squads go forth and soar over helpless men and women, dropping bombs upon property, soldiers, and innocent men, women and children, and they themselves are holding life cheap in the midst of anti-aircraft fire and enemy planes.

But the thought of associating terror with God is something extremely foreign to multitudes in this modern age. You are considered a backwoodsman if you believe in hell or a judgment of any severity. Nevertheless, we contend that it is not inconsistent with the Bible to state that the Lord is terrible. The trouble with the modern idea, that God is too loving to let any of His creatures go to hell with the devil whom they have served all their life, is that their conception of the character of God is too one-sided. God has other perfect qualities besides love. He is just as perfect in wisdom, truth, justice and holiness as He is in love. Further, every one of the attributes of God's personality are conditioned by each other—wisdom does not overstep the bounds of love, neither does love overstep the bounds of justice.

It is very important to know when and why God uses terror in His dealings with men. One thing is certain: He does not deliberately pour out His wrath upon any certain one of His creatures. Some would say Pharaoh was subject to His wrath, simply because God picked him out, but that is not true. Pharaoh was guilty of resisting God and His chosen people (Israel) long before the ten plagues were poured out upon him and his people. He was guilty before God for his own WILFUL transgressions. God used him as a vessel of wrath to show forth His power, just as He used Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel's day to do the same thing, but that doesn't mean they never had a chance to follow the one true God. The Scripture teaches in both Old and New Testaments that God delights in mercy (Micah 7:18); He is not willing that any man perish (II Pet. 3:9); He is slow to anger and plenteous in mercy (Psa. 103:8). His longsuffering and patience is so broad, high and deep that mortal man cannot fathom it. Yet the Bible states that God

is terrible, Deut. 7:21; Psa. 47:2, 99:3; Joel 2:31. Any man who trifles with the One who created him will find out to his consternation that it's a terrible thing to fall into the hands of an angry God. An infidel said on his deathbed, "Until now I thought there was no God or hell. Now I know there is both and I am doomed."

The Lord is a jealous God, Exod. 20:5; Deut. 4:24, and He is extremely particular that men glorify and worship Him. Israel found out what God meant when they went whoring after other gods. More than once the terror of God fell in their camp. Twentieth century Gentiles need not think for a moment that God will wink at all their idols ranging from pet dogs to gold and silver. Whether people want to admit it or not, we don't even belong to ourselves (I Cor. 6:19, 20) and therefore man invokes the wrath of God when he "does as he pleases." What a tragedy to arouse the jealousy of God!

Secondly, God has some laws that man dare not overstep without suffering the consequences. Our government has laws ranging from the smaller county laws up to federal mandates. When they are violated, punishment is the result, and the higher in rank of importance the law is the more severe the punishment. When God gave Moses the ordinances to govern the life of Israel, the greatest punishment which could be given was death, meaning, of course, death of the body. That was the extent of their jurisdiction. But higher than any set of laws that man has authority over, is a set of eternal laws which the God of heaven has set, by which His creatures will finally be judged. These laws formulated in eternity and their authority will last for eternity. These laws are holy, just and good—they will harm no one when obeyed; they are given for our protection and welfare. But woe to the man who discards them! Cain found out how terrible God was when he killed his brother. The people living in Noah's day discovered to their everlasting damnation that God's laws of decency and righteousness could not be trampled over without retribution.

But far worse than infringing on God's standard of justice is to reject His proffered mercy as presented in Jesus Christ. God would have been holy, righteous and good if He had never offered mankind salvation, but His mercy went to the extreme in that He voluntarily sent Jesus to be a scapegoat, bearing the transgressions of every man outside the camp. Jesus paid the full price demanded by an offended God for every sinner. Pardon and cleansing is offered to "whosoever will come" by simply confessing and for-

saking sin, and trusting in the Lord Jesus as his Savior. Now let me say with all the emphasis I can put forth, ETERNAL HELL is not too extreme punishment for a person who will reject and discard the best offer that God could make. He deserves nothing but hell, and HELL IS WHAT HE WILL GET, whether a lot of people believe it or not! The terror of Almighty God is an impending earthquake, hurricane and rain of fire and brimstone combined. This wicked world is doomed for the worst avalanche of terror ever known of. When God turns loose the hounds of hell upon this Christ-rejecting world, I don't want to be here! God's wrath is not just a temporary punishment ending in annihilation, but forever in the regions of the damned is the slightest punishment, due to the magnitude of the offence!

In conclusion we say with Paul, "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, WE PERSUADE MEN." Fellow preachers, Bible students and brothers and sisters in Christ everywhere, if we believe in the gospel the way Paul, Peter and the rest of the early church believed it, we will be busy persuading men to accept the gospel and flee from the wrath to come. "Do we believe what we believe?" as Brother R. P. Johnson entitled one of his discourses, is worth thinking over. If we believe in the oncoming tribulation and hell, let's prove it by doing whatsoever our hands find to do with all our might!

God Blesses in Prayer Service

BRYANTSVILLE, Ky.—I am praising God for full salvation and because I am a member of the Church of God. I praise Him for the way He has blessed us in our prayer service which we started three weeks ago. One has been saved and three more are at the altar. Several others are looking this way. Please pray that we will stay in the center of God's will.—Brother and Sister Russell Holman, Star Rt., Lancaster, Ky.

Harlan, Ky., District Meeting

The Harlan district convention convened at Harlan, Ky., Feb. 21-23, B. L. Hicks in charge. It was very successful. There was a large crowd throughout the convention with love and unity. We were favored to have the Burnett sisters and some of the B. T. S. students and ex-students to render special singing and music. Sister Chesser, L. W. W. B. president, had charge of their fine program, and Brother Cecil Bridges, Y. P. E. and Sunday school superintendent, had charge of the good Y. P. E. program. Wonderful messages by B. L. Hicks, E. T. Stacy, J. A. Muncie, E. W. Wilson, were enjoyed by all. A mission offering of \$157.70 was taken. Brother E. W. Wilson is now conducting a revival in our new church. Pray for us.—Sam Holcomb, district pastor, Box 566, Harlan, Ky.

NOTES From My LETTERS

***** J. H. WALKER, General Overseer *****

Ohio Coming With New Churches and a Parsonage

"Akron will break the ground for the basement of their new \$10,000 brick church about a mile farther in the city, this coming Wednesday. (Letter written March 10.) Canton is wrecking the old buildings on their lot and getting ready for about a \$12,000 brick structure here, to begin at once. They also plan a \$4,000 parsonage on the same lot. Generally, everything is going very good.—Faithfully, E. C. Clark."

New Mexico Is Still Working

They have had some good district conventions with mission offerings as follows:

La Junta, Colo.	\$ 2.80
Carlsbad	16.00
Jal	52.66

In the Melrose revival, it is reported sixteen were saved and four filled with the Holy Ghost. Clayton reports eighteen saved and three filled with the Holy Ghost. There are good prospects of a new church at Tola, New Mexico. The land and enough blocks to build have been donated.

May God continue to bless you there in New Mexico and Colorado. Remember that we are praying for you.

News From Hamilton, Ohio

"We praise God for His many blessings to us and to the Hamilton church. Since the Assembly, we have paid off a debt of \$1,600. God has blessed our good people here, and they have been loyal in standing by the church. During just the last quarter, our Ladies' Willing Workers, Sunday school, and Y. P. E. have raised \$800. The church is now complete—

ly out of debt. We are now making arrangements to build a new parsonage on the lot adjoining the church. We desire an interest in your prayers.—James A. Stephens, pastor."

This is certainly a splendid work, where all are working together. May the Lord continue to bless you there.

Card of Thanks For The Torch

I received this week a copy of *The Torch*, the 1940-41 Annual of the Northwest Bible and Music Academy, Lemmon, South Dakota, for which I sincerely thank the superintendent, Rev. Glyndon Logsdon, and the entire student body.

From Manatee, Fla.

"We have just closed our district convention this last Sunday. God was with us in a mighty way, manifesting His power and sending waves of glory over our souls.

"Our mission offering broke all previous records and went to the amount of

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AT PORT HURON, MICHIGAN



This splendid Sunday school group was taken March 30 with 186 in attendance. The attendance has doubled over last year and the school is going over the top under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. Carl G. Carder, and T. Glenn as superintendent. Our esteemed state overseer and family are also present, the Rev. E. O. Kerce and family; also Evangelists Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Kustel, who conducted a very successful five weeks' revival in which about twenty-five were saved and eight united with the church, including Rev. and Mrs. Kustel. Here is a Sunday school and church growing and going over the top with the Church program, 100% for missions and the orphanage. A nice orphanage offering of \$55.00 was raised on Easter Sunday. This church will accommodate or seat 350 or more. It has a nice balcony and recently completed Sunday school rooms in the basement. It is a church property worth \$8,000.00.

LEAVES FROM THE FIG TREE

An Interpretation of Current Events in the Light of Holy Prophecy

"Now, learn a parable of the fig tree: when his branch is yet tender and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh," Matt. 24:32.

By JUDGE SULLIVAN

HOLY WEEK THOUGHTS: As if to emphasize the contrast, Hitler chose Holy Week to launch his assault upon two more countries. On the very Palm Sunday which marks the day when the Prince of peace entered Jerusalem, riding humbly on the humblest of beasts of burden, Hitler's armed men rode across the borders of Yugoslavia and Greece, mounted on the most modern of flesh-destroying machines. During that climatic week, when Jesus faced His ordeal and trod the road to Golgotha, twenty additional millions of people in 1941 were also placed on the road that leads to the "place of the skull" face to face with crucifixion by shell, bomb and fire that make war.

Palm Sunday, Good Friday and those other days near and dear to the hearts of God's children, were very black and gloomy, indeed. The future seemed black and in many places even hope was buried. However, after the darkness and cloudiness of Holy Week, there dawned the "First Day" of the week. Out of today's darkness and gloominess, there will come forth a light. The bars shall be broken.

A recent clipping: "Possibly stirred by what is going on in Germany, where the greatest personages in the realm have referred to Hitler as 'THE REAL HOLY GHOST,' 'A NEW, A GREATER, AND A MORE POWERFUL JESUS CHRIST,' and have stated that 'TODAY GOD REVEALS HIMSELF TO THE GERMAN PEOPLE AGAIN IN THE FORM OF HITLER.' President Knobel, of the United Lutheran Church of America, asks, 'How do you know that in two years from now you might not be asked to die for your faith?' Sad words, these, coming from such a noteworthy source.

Another clipping: "With heads bowed and their lips whispering prayers of supplication, thousands of the faithful yesterday tolled their way up the slopes of Mount Adams in the annual pilgrimage of the Church of the Immaculate Conception. Hour after hour they came, the old and the young, the khaki-clad youth and the white-haired men and women. Slowly the procession moved from mid-

night Thursday until midnight tonight (FRIDAY). Murmuring an Ave Maria on each step and a Pater Noster on the platforms between the flights, they moved on and on." To think that in educated, sophisticated America, men and women, college graduates and the ignorant together, believe there is divine efficacy in such maneuvers. When God emphasized to Martin Luther that "the just shall live by faith," that should have made an end of trying to save ourselves by works. **JUST ANOTHER OF THE MANY DELUSIONS NOW RAMPANT.**

A fifth attempt to penetrate the wall between life and death failed yesterday as Claude D. Noble of Detroit kept his pact with the late magician, Howard Thurston. Holding a coin lightly in one hand, Noble knelt at Thurston's crypt in Greenlawn cemetery on the 5th anniversary of his friend's death, repeated the Lord's prayer and said: "Howard, I am here in fulfillment of our pact. If you can manifest yourself to me, do it now." Although Thurston and Noble agreed in 1932 that the first to die would attempt communication by knocking some object from the survivor's hand, nothing happened yesterday." Let our people realize that so-called communing with the dead is not all fakery and chicanery. The mediums believe, sincerely in many cases, that they are able to converse with the departed. **SPIRITUALISM CLAIMS 5,000,000 adherents in the United States alone. Many, many more in England and other European countries. JUST ANOTHER OF THE MANY DELUSIONS.**

"Mexico City, April 15.—The city of Colima was reported half in ruins tonight with prospects of a large casualty list as the result of an earthquake that shook the south half of Mexico today and inflicted damage at \$1,000,000 in fires and other destruction here in the capital. The destruction in Colima, about 375 miles southwest of Mexico City was reported to the government press office in wireless messages, saying that many of its 15,000 inhabitants were injured. The quake knocked out telephone and telegraph

communications. People rushed into the streets as the quake rumbled like the sound of a hundred approaching freight trains, men and women kneeling on heaving side walks to pray while windows cracked and bricks fell around them." We sympathize with the people of our sister republic to the south. However, these recurring quakes must be interpreted as the fulfillment of the words of Christ Himself.

Japan and Russia have signed a mutual non-aggression pact! That is big news and has a direct bearing on the war situation of today. It can mean that Japan is bearing away from the Rome-Berlin Axis. Japan needed a free hand in the Pacific without worrying about her ancient enemy, Russia. Russia also needed a free hand to watch her interests in the Balkans and in Asia without having her ancient enemy, Japan, stab her in the back. Russia and Japan have been enemies for many decades. This sudden signing of a pact of this nature is highly significant. **THE GOVERNMENTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES ARE STRONGLY ANTI-CHRISTIAN.**

The writer recently had presented to him two issues of THE NEW DAY, Father Divine's 114-page magazine, extolling the virtues of the eminent Father Divine. One thing that impressed the writer greatly was that this paper had sufficient influence to carry advertisements from such outstanding firms as F. W. Woolworth Company, the W. L. Douglass Shoe Company, A & P Food Stores, W. T. Grant Company, and other large nationally known firms. The magazine, for the information of those who have never seen an issue, is the standard size, 8 1/4 x 10 1/2. The cover of one issue shows Father Divine standing with his hand caressing a dog. The caption says: "Hope Farm — Ulster County — THE PROMISED LAND — NEW YORK" The cover also bears the inscription A. D. F. D., which means the year of our Lord Father Divine. Also this: "He is 'E Pluribus unum,' the ONE composed of many." This is written: "His LOVE and
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Foreign Missions



ZENO C. THARP, Secretary of Mission Board

The Church of God Convention For The Island of Jamaica, Held At Kingston, Jamaica, March 8-11 In the Ward Theater, In The Heart of the City

J. H. Walker, General Overseer

This was by far the greatest convention and largest in attendance ever held in the Island. God was with us in a most wonderful way. I wish you could have heard these hundreds—yes, many hundreds—of precious saints of God singing and praising God for souls redeemed. I understand that the building seated considerably more than a thousand people. During the last two or three nights of the convention, the building was filled and running over. The messages were inspiring. The heavenly atmosphere was wonderful indeed. The reports from the various ministers revealed the fact that strenuous efforts had been put forth under adverse circumstances and God was praised for all that had been accomplished. The people there have worked hard. Since the General Assembly to the time of this convention, they had gained five new churches and showed a good increase in membership, in Sunday schools, and the Y. P. E's.

Brother J. B. Camp, the overseer, and all the other brethren had worked faithfully to make it possible to have a wonderful convention. The local church in Kingston which would seat approximately 350 people, would scarcely seat the local membership, to say nothing of the hundreds who came from a distance. Hence, this commodious auditorium was secured. You will quickly recognize your General Overseer seated on the platform, and Brother J. B. Camp, the overseer of the Island of Jamaica. Next to Brother Camp is seated Rev. H. A. Hudson, the former overseer of the Island. Next to him, to the right, is Rev. C. P. Johnson, then Rev. C. A. Morris, and to his left, Rev. Nehemiah Archer. These brethren who are seated on the front row are bishops. Seated on the platform are also many other blessed ministers who are doing a splendid work in promoting the work of the Church of God.

Surely God was with us in a marvelous way; in fact, I consider it the most profitable trip that I ever made to the Island. It was my highly esteemed privilege to meet, in his office, the Honorable Colon-

ial Secretary of the Island of Jamaica, and discuss with him measures by which the work of the Church of God can be increased and can prove a greater blessing. Whereupon, I was assured that his office would give the matters presented careful attention. It was also my privilege to meet Dr. A. G. Anderson, one of the Six Councilors to the Governor in his office, who made an engagement with the mayor of the city, Dr. Pinso, to whom he introduced me personally, and after a pleasant visit the mayor, Dr. Anderson, and I had our pictures made together.

Dr. Anderson gave the welcome address to our convention. As he spoke, realizing most keenly the great struggle that is on between right and wrong in these evil days in which we live, and knowing the true principles for which the Union Jack, waving around the pulpit and in the balcony, stood, while the mother country is engaged in a terrible battle, he seemed to forget himself in most heartily welcoming our people in taking their freedom in worshipping God, until our ministers felt that he did some real old-time holiness preaching. Truly, the Lord was in our midst. I shall never forget the last night of the meeting. I cannot describe it! Words are inadequate. I thought I had finished my message. Then we sang a song, and some fifty or seventy-five came to the altar for prayer. After prayer the people still stayed. We sang some good old hymns together—and when I say *we*, I mean the entire congregation. My, how the Lord did bless! We sang "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" through tears, through laughter, through hearts filled and bubbling over with praises to God. Their faces were shining. We waved good-bye to one another, and yet we couldn't go. It was another song and then another, as we all sang by memory and drew nearer to God.

May God ever bless the people in Jamaica.

(See picture on opposite page)

Christ Receives a Sinful Man

Greetings to the Evangel Readers everywhere. I praise God for the blood of Christ which saves my soul from sin. I praise Him for the 150th Psalm which convinced me. I am glad of His precious plan of salvation and the determination

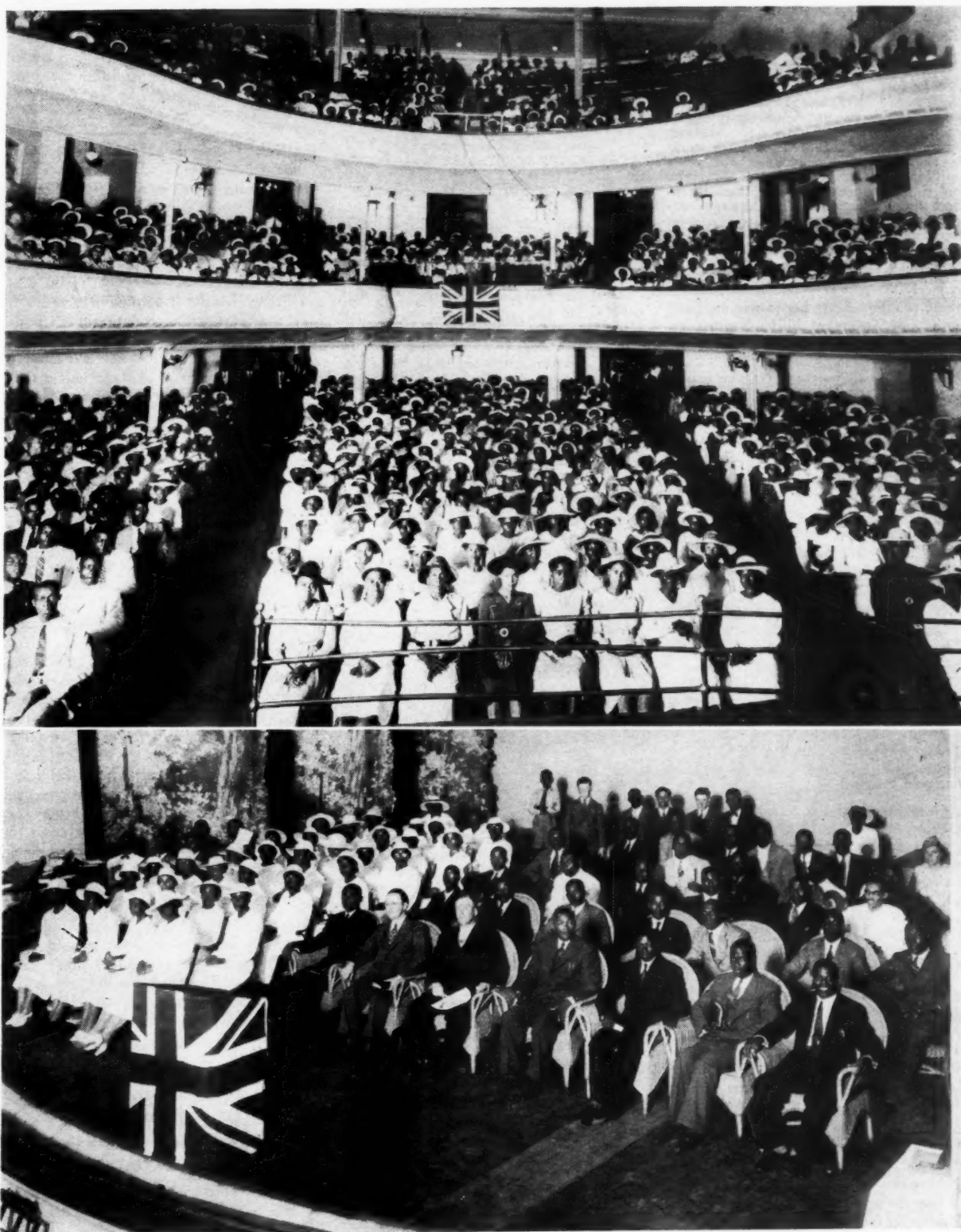
God planted in my heart to live and work for Him. He healed my soul and took the scales from my eyes that I can now see the light. Bless His holy name. God has been so kind to me, sisters and brothers, that I cannot praise Him enough. He is the Lily of the Valley, the bright and morning Star. He is the fairest of ten thousand to my soul. Amen. He has given me wisdom to spread the glad joy to all my friends.

I am so glad of His wonderful promises in St. John 14. I am now along with Brother Rigby who is a very good leader and is trying to do his best to win souls for our Father in heaven. Jesus still leads on. I have never been so happy as since I am living for the Lord. I know the Lord will help me in this holy way for Christ's sake.—Christopher A. Williams, Grand Turk, Turks Island, B. W. I.

To the Evangel Family, greetings. I praise God for His loving kindness to me while in Grand Turk. He saved me from this world of sin and sent me on the way with joy in my soul. I am so glad that the Lord spared my life to let me see my fiftieth year of age. I am still strong to do my part in the ministry. Praise His dear name. I have twenty years' experience in the gospel work, nine years a member of the Church of God. Glory to His name. Two young men by the name of James Smith and Christopher Williams have seen the light on the Church of God and ask your prayers to stay in the faith.

I praise my soon coming King because He has awakened the work in Grand Turk and almost everybody is looking to the Church of God. We are in a revival and have a crowd most every night. While the revival is on the police and other officials are around to protect our meeting from being disturbed. Isn't that wonderful! Please pray for me to be faithful to the end. As it is time for the Lord to have His own church house in Grand Turk, pray that He will help us. Pray for our revival to be a success.—A. W. Rigby, overseer of Turks Island, B. W. I.

Christ will not stay with the church of the homeland unless the church of the homeland will go with Him to the foreign field to carry the gospel to the heathen.



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Requests For Prayer

EDITOR'S NOTE: Notices of requests for prayer intended for publication on this page should be for healing. Requests will be accepted for those making them for themselves or for their family connection. It is better to make your request specific rather than to include several in one. The Evangel desires to be of the most good to the most people and desires that every inch of its space be used advantageously.

PRAY FOR—

The healing of my body; my daughter who is deep in sin; my husband to receive the Holy Ghost.—A sister, Salem, Va.

My body to be healed.—Mrs. C. White, Warrior, Ala.

Our daughter who is sick with flu; our boy to be healed of pneumonia and saved; the healing of my body.—Mrs. C. R. Ford, Lake City, Tenn.

Three unspoken requests.—Mrs. Lester Johnson, Box 92, Scotland, Ga.

My baby who has whooping cough.—Lulu Dover, Rabun Gap, Ga.

The healing of Tom Carlton's body; Mrs. Henry Boatman's healing.—Mrs. Nora Hill, Rt. 1, Ringgold, Ga.

The healing of my body. — Dennis Lockett, Cleveland, Ohio.

My husband's and my body to be healed.—Delia Webster, Rt. 1, Box 30, Merigold, Miss.

My mother to be healed of appendicitis.—Oma Chriscoe, Asheboro, N. C.

My eyes to be healed; unspoken request.—Sister Faye Howe, R. F. D. 1, Salisbury, Md.

Me to be healed of a growth on my face which may be a cancer.—Mrs. Etta Kieser, Burnt Prairie, Ill.

My husband's eyesight to be restored and his soul saved.—Lona Mae Griner, 511 Dollins St., Orlando, Fla.

Healing of my nose and ears, also nerves.—A. L. Pickles, Victoria, B. C.

My healing as I have rheumatism and can't walk much.—S. Briggs, Sprigg, W. Va.

My aunt who has strained the muscles of her heart.—Carl T. Williams, 1108 Pine St., Hollidaysburg, Pa.

The healing of my body as I have been suffering very painfully with heartburn and pains around my heart; my hearing is

also bad.—C. G. Bellah, Webbers Falls, Okla.

The healing of my body of T. B., also my soul to be saved.—Lat Stanley, 130½ E. Main, Bowling Green, Ky.

The healing of my wife who has high blood pressure; me to receive the Holy Ghost.—George Fowler, Adairsville, Ga.

Me to be healed or the Lord to provide some way for my family. — Donald Keith, Trion, Ga.

Roy Brewer and family as we are in need of prayer.—Christeen Brewer Ainsworth, Mize, Miss.

My baby to be healed of spasms.—Mrs. Johnnie Adams, Rt. 2, Crab Orchard, Ky.

God to heal me of a severe cold and a bad sore throat.—Mrs. L. G. Porter, Box 6, Sarah Furnace, Pa.

My broken leg to be completely healed.—Herbert V. Bailey, 315½ E. 9th St., Chattanooga, Tenn.

My mother who has high blood pressure.—Mrs. Maben Cagle, Marked Tree, Ark.

Me to be healed of high blood pressure and sugar diabetes.—Daniel Broughton, Rt. 1, Crab Orchard, Ky.

Me to be healed of stomach trouble.—Ray McDaniel, Dacula, Ga.

The healing of my head and eyes as I am almost blind.—Jesse Pilgrim, Edwardsville, Ala.

The healing of my body; urgent unspoken request.—F. E. Burrow, Poyen, Ark.

The healing of my body and that I will get closer to God. — Edna Mae Hunt, Pikeville, Ky.

The complete healing of my body as I have nervous stomach trouble, goitre and tumor; my little boy who has adnoid trouble; my husband's body and soul.—Mrs. June Clemons, Rt. 1, Baxter, Tenn.

My husband's body of different ailments; my little girl of a cough and weak condition.—Mrs. Louise Rodriguz, Folson, La.

Little Joeann Cross to be completely healed of infantile paralysis; my body to be healed.—Ellen Cross, Qulin, Mo.

The healing of my wife's body; heal-

ing of our baby.—Richard Wilson, Box 130, Trion, Ga.

A letter from Jessie Kellum, Box 55, Boyle, Miss., states that she is in a back-slidden condition and badly in need of spiritual help. She requests the prayers of all God's people.—Ed.

Church Needed at Reidsville, Ga.

Dear Friends and Evangel Readers, though I am not a member of the Church of God I would surely like to be a member as I believe it is the true one, according to certain passages in the Bible. In the Acts of the Apostles it even speaks of the Church of God. Now, good people, one and all, if anyone sees this letter who can get a good preacher, please send him to Reidsville, Ga., if possible, for I believe we need some good Church of God meetings here just as much as they do in the uncivilized countries that I have read about in the Evangel.

I have been reading the Evangel for over a year and think it the grandest paper I have ever read. My brother, L. T. Bowen, of Spantenburg, S. C., sends it to me and I surely enjoy reading it and only wish it were so I could go and be in some of those good meetings I read about in the Evangel.

If anyone can come to Reidsville and have meetings I surely will be glad to do all I can to get a Church of God started somewhere close enough so I can go to meeting regularly and take my children. I own twenty-two acres of land and would be glad to give as much as it would take to build some kind of place of worship. I have never been to a Church of God meeting in my life but Mr. Willie Webber held prayer meeting at my house twice and I thought that was the best preaching I ever heard. I am trying my best to live a Christian life. Pray that my family and I may be saved before it is too late. If any Church of God members in or around Augusta, Ga., see this, please go to the University Hospital and pray for my baby girl, Fay Collins, who has been in there with heart trouble ever since last August 20, and I don't know how much longer she will have to stay there. She was seven years old the 12th of March. Also please pray for my baby sister in Orlando, Fla., who was nearly killed in a car wreck last January a year ago and can just manage now to hobble around a little. May God bless you.—Lillian M. Collins, Reidsville, Ga.

RADIO BROADCASTS

Please notify us of any recent change in time or kilocycles of your broadcasts.

Church of God, Dalton, Ga., over station WBLJ, Dalton, 1200 Kc. Each Sunday from 12:45-1:30 p.m. (EST). Ira I. Meadows, pastor.

Rome, Ga., Church of God, over station WRGA. Each Monday morning at 10:30. S. W. Latimer, pastor.



In Memory of



BURRIS

Brother Sam Burris, a faithful servant of God, was born May 13, 1883, and died Nov. 1, 1940; age fifty-seven years.—Sister Bartha Sisk, Rt. 1, Cave City, Ark.

HARRIS

Lena Harris, of Nocatee, Fla., departed this life to be with Jesus March 24, 1941; age twenty-two years. Pray God to help me bear my grief and live for Him so I can meet her up there.—Her grandfather, Jim Reeves, c/o J. W. Harnage, Avon Park, Fla.

CANTERBURY

Sister Janie Canterbury, a faithful member of the Church of God, was born Jan. 14, 1894, and departed this life Jan. 31, 1941.—Mrs. J. E. Goodrich, 1249 W. 5th Ave., Huntington, W. Va.

GARRETT

Sister Lorene Garrett went home to glory March 27, 1941; age eighteen years. Her last days were spent in giving God the praise.—Paul McConnell, Hiawassee, Ga.

ROBERTS

Brother Ormond Roberts, a faithful member and treasurer of the Church of God at Harbour Island, Bah., departed this life March 11, 1941; age seventy-six years.—Rev. John H. Saunders, pastor, Harbour Island, Bahamas.

LEE

Sister Flora Ann Lee, a faithful member of the Church of God, departed this life March 21, 1941; age one hundred four years.—E. C. G., Dillon, S. C.

McNAIR

Daniel Dauson McNair was born July 4, 1925, and departed this life Feb. 6, 1941; age fifteen years. He prayed through to the Holy Ghost.—His pastor, Ernest M. Smith, Houston, Tex.

MUMPOWER

Mrs. Nancy Mumpower, our dear mother, departed this life to be with Jesus.—One who loved her, Vernie Tillison, Bristol, Va.

SHOCKLEY

Richard Lee Shockley, departed this life March 12, 1941; age ten months.—His mother, Mrs. Ruby Shockley, Rt. 6, Box 72-A, Roanoke, Va.

DESCENT

Brother Emile Descent, faithful mem-

ber and clerk of the Church of God at Christopher, Ill., went home to be with Jesus March 17, 1941.—J. H. Freeman, pastor, Christopher, Ill.

DAVIDSON

Our dear mother departed this life Feb. 21, 1941, she being burned to death. She was a Christian for forty years.—Arlie Davidson, Jeff, Ky.

BURNS

Miss Flora Malissa Burns, a teacher in the Great Falls, S. C., grammar schools for fifteen years, departed this life March 27, 1941; age forty-six years.—Myrtle Self, Great Falls, S. C.

SEXTON

Brother G. C. Sexton, an exhorter and member of the Church of God at Thornton, Ky., who was hurt in the mines Dec. 11, departed this life Dec. 12, 1940; age fifty-two years. His life was his greatest testimony.—Willie Back, clerk, Sergeant, Ky.

HODO

James Urias Hodo, son of Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Hodo, of Jasper, Ala., departed this life March 21, 1941; age six years, five months and four days.—His mother, Mrs. Hodo.

SINGLETARY

Calvin Edward Singletary departed this life Jan. 20, 1941, from injuries sustained in the World War; age forty-five years.—One of his friends, B. L. Hicks, overseer of Kentucky, Somerset, Ky.

WEBER

Kathryn (Kitty) L. Weber, departed this life April 10, 1939, from injuries received Easter Sunday, April 9, 1939.—Mrs. G. A. Ritts, Rt. 3, Box 33, Charleston, S. C.

TILGHMAN

Horace James Tilghman, Jr., was born Sept. 16, 1919, and passed away April 1, 1941, age twenty-one years, seven months and fifteen days.—His mother, Mrs. H. J. Tilghman, Grenada, Miss.

NIGHT

Henry Night, charter member of the Church of God at Lancaster, Ohio, was born in 1866 and departed this life April 4, 1941, age seventy-four years, seven months and fifteen days.—Miss Onalee Reid, Lancaster, Ohio.

WATKINS

Another of our ministers has slipped away home. Brother R. F. Watkins was born Nov. 17, 1868, and died April 7, 1941, age seventy-three years, four months and twenty days. He became a minister in the Church of God in 1925. Funeral services were conducted at Mars Hill Church of God by his pastor, Rev. G. W. Tingle, assisted by Rev. J. C. Kimbrough and Rev. H. M. Sandlin.—George Tingle, Bradley, Miss.

DASH

Sarah B. Dash, faithful charter member of the Church of God at War, W. Va., departed this life Feb. 19, 1941, age seventy years, six months and sixteen days.—Her pastor, C. H. Blankenship, War, W. Va.

Another New Church For Florida

WINTER GARDEN, Fla.—I praise the Lord for the way He has been blessing at Winter Garden, Fla. The Lord has surely been good to us. Praise His dear name. We took over the Orlando district tent and pitched it here and started to work. The tent top wasn't any good but we got the material and soon had it recovered and began having services. It wasn't long before we organized a Sunday school with forty-five enrolled. Now we have eighty-two. Praise the Lord.

Our Y. P. E. is also wonderful, with good attendance. Brother Ellis, our state overseer, was with us on Friday night, January 31, and brought a good message which everyone seemed to enjoy. We want him to be sure to come back again.

On Monday night, February 3, Brother Paul Taylor came over and set a church in order with eleven members and more to come in this week.

The Lord certainly is blessing in donations for our building program.—J. D. Channell, Apopka, Fla.

Crisfield, Md., District Convention

Crisfield, Md., district convention convened at Seaford, Del., March 14-16, Brothers W. J. Milligan and R. R. Seyda in charge.

Those bringing messages or talks during the convention were: A. H. Folden, pastor of local church, Luther L. Painter, R. F. Koshewitz, Sister Alva Mae McClure, state Y. P. E. and Sunday school superintendent, Sister Alpha (Peterson) Maxwell, F. B. Marine, W. J. Milligan, state overseer, R. R. Seyda, Russell Bonneville, Rolen J. Dunn and Sister Thelma Mullikin.

Those rendering special music were: Sister Ruth (Baldree) Dunn, Abbott sisters, Elder Patterson and a number of his congregation.

An orphanage offering was taken amounting to \$25.65; the mission offering amounting to \$100.00.—Rolen J. Dunn, 112 4th St., Milford, Del.

Notes of Praise

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D. H. DELK

Golden Text for Lesson 4

And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul. Acts 4:32.

"And all that believed were together, and had all things common." Acts 2:44.

They were not only together in numbers but for the purpose of striving together for the faith of the gospel. They were all together against evil.

"United we stand; divided we fall." —Dickinson.

As long as we have good faith we will follow after the things that make for peace.

Ninety per cent of Satan's power is overcome by unity

(like Psa. 133), but a church can eat itself up; yes, when they get so hungry (with the wrong appetite) till they begin biting one another, soon they will devour one another, till all is consumed. See Gal. 5:15.

The number "two" hath by the heathen been accounted accursed because it was the first departure from unity. (Trapp)

When we are together for the faith of the gospel, we forget the music of our name and His name is exalted. See Psa. 34:3.

Let's not be like the organ grinder's helper (expect our name to be called often). He stopped pumping, and when asked why, he said, "Say 'we,' please."

The devil sometimes gives folks the big head (even if they do wear a small hat) and the big head breeds strife.

Good people cannot love bad company.

David says, "I have not sat with vain persons, neither will I go in with dissemblers." An hour spent with dissemblers (discorders, come-outers, faultfinders, etc.) is a big step toward division.

We being many are one body in Christ and every one members one of another. When one suffers all should suffer. A mother came home and found the children crying and she said, "What's the trouble?" One spoke up and said, "We've all got a pain in Billy's stomach."

Oh, what ecstasy! what joy! Oh, what a day that will be for those who are caught up together! 1 Thess. 4:17. But in order to be in that gathering (in that "together") we had better always assem-

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CHILDRESS, Tex.—Dear Saints, I thank God for His goodness and mercy to us. We had a wonderful healing last night. A lady, one of the saints, was afflicted with rheumatism. She was in bed and could move only one hand, arm and her head. We prayed for her and she began to move her hands and feet, then her body. We kept praying and believing and she kept trying to get up, and in about an hour she was sitting on the side of the bed praising God.

We went back today to see her and she was feeling just fine. She said she rested all night. She got up today and sat on the side of the bed. She weighed over two hundred pounds and she is so weak she can hardly walk, so pray for God to strengthen her body and cause her sinner father to believe. After all the healing, her father seems to feel sorry for us saints, so pray for her and her husband and the entire family.

I ask all who read this to pray that God will open up some way for me to get a living without having to sit up at night and sew. I am willing to work and I do work, almost any kind of work, but my eyes are failing because of hard strain and I just can't stand it much longer. Help me pray that I will ever be found in the center of His will. Pray for God to heal my eyes, to strengthen my body and supply every need. Pray that God will save my loved ones and friends and heal Peet Kenny.—Mrs. Cumy L. Stone, Box 764.

HARRIS, Ky.—I thank the Lord because He is so real to me. Something like twenty years ago He so sweetly saved me, wholly sanctified me and I received my baptism with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance and it holds good today. Praise His name.

When I am sick He heals me and guides me in all truth and righteousness. I sometimes have to fast but Jesus never fails. Praise His dear name. I am truly glad that I am a member of the Church of God.

Pray for me that I will stand true until Jesus comes.—Mrs. Pearl Logan.

LOUISE, Miss.—I live in a place where there are no holiness people; I am the only one who has the blessing so I need your prayers. March 4, 1928, God gave me the sweet Holy Ghost. Sister Mary Tidwell was the one who gave the message that night. I am not tired of the way but I want to get closer to God each day I

live. We meet with many hard trials along the way, but let's let Jesus fix it all. Go to Him in prayer; talk to the Lord about it and I am sure the Lord will help us. A whipping from the Lord does us more good than a whipping from some human being. I joined the Church of God in 1928 and have been around all kinds of churches since but yet I can see only the Church of God. I could not go any other way.

I am praying that if it is God's will He will send someone here to preach, that people might see their life as the Lord sees it and be saved. We have good people here to be sinners but the devil is so great until it would take much prayer, but the Lord is able to overpower Satan and I am sure He will if we only pray. Pray much for me and my loved ones.—Mrs. Joe Jones, Rt. 1, Box 111.

GREENVILLE, S. C.—Dear saints, please pray for me that I will overcome every trial. God has been so good to me. He healed my eyes last summer. I was almost blind. I asked the saints through the Evangel to pray for my eyes. Now I can see plainly without glasses. I am sixty-six years old. Please pray for a very dear friend that her eyes may be healed. She is a good woman.—M. Hood McDonald.

AMONATE, Va.—I thank the Lord for brothers and sisters who love one another enough to pray for them, whether they know them or not. Bless His good name.

I don't get to go to church to testify as much as I would like to, but I love to read the Evangel and pray and live the life at home. My limbs are just about to give completely away on me, but if the Lord doesn't heal me I know He can heal just the same. Praise His good name.

Please pray, saints, that God will save my husband before it is too late and pray that God will save my lost loved ones before it is too late.

We have a good church at Dunford Town but I don't get to go very much, but if we can't get to be in church here we can all be together on that day when Jesus calls. Pray for me.—Gussie Miller.

HOLCOMB, Miss.—I praise God because I am still saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. I thank God for His keeping power. Bless His name. I started out to live for Jesus nearly four years ago and haven't grown tired of this good way yet. Some few months ago I

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Reports of Revivals

WIMAUMA, Fla.—The Church of God at Wimauma, Fla., has just closed an old time Holy Ghost revival, conducted by Brother Ernie T. Hitte and wife. Brother and Sister Hitte are not only good preachers, but their music is most inspiring and soul-stirring. The sermons were delivered under the anointing of the Spirit and souls were blessed. There were nine saved, seven sanctified, eight filled with the Holy Ghost and four added to the church. The saints experienced a mighty refreshing.

The young people received new inspiration and strength for service in the special meetings arranged for them by Sister Hitte. Truly we feel that God has been good to us and we thank Him for the revival, for Brother and Sister Hitte, and for our faithful pastor, Brother Leon Thomas, and his family. Pray that the church will grow and prosper and be ready to meet the Lord when He comes.—Geraldine Stockton.

CHRISTOPHER, Ill.—We praise God for the gracious way in which He has blessed the Church of God here at Christopher, Ill., in a genuine, old time, saving, sanctifying, Holy-Ghost-filling, Pentecostal revival. The meeting lasted three weeks and came to a close Sunday, February 23. Four were saved, two sanctified and one filled with the Holy Ghost. The saints were loyal in every respect and God, seeing their loyalty, approved it and witnessed with His divine presence in every service.

The saints are working hard and by the help of the Lord we expect to have our mission quota by the state convention. Victory is ours and will remain ours as long as we trust in Him who is King of kings and Lord of lords.—Rev. J. H. Freeman, pastor, 204 S. Mulkey St.

UHRICHSVILLE, Ohio.—We report victory for the Church of God at Uhrichsville. The battle lasted four weeks, fighting sin, the devil, evil spirits and powers of darkness. People were delivered who were bound by Satan. Our evangelist, Brother Howard Wilson, has the gift of prophecy. He brought the messages under the anointing of the Holy Ghost, which made the people cry out and really know they were lost. One of Brother Weddle's legs was paralyzed and they carried him to the church. The saints gathered around and prayed and God healed him. Sister Margaret Lenorz' hand was all drawn and swollen with arthritis. The doctor gave her several shots in the arms

and she got worse. Her husband brought her to the pastor's house. Brother Wilson prayed for her and the Lord healed her instantly, and there were several healed. Brother Wilson preached the most wonderful sermons I ever heard and we had an old time revival. People took back things they had taken and really got the victory. There were nine saved, five sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost, and the revival closed with the altar full of seekers.—C. B. W.

W. DURHAM, N. C.—The church in West Durham has certainly been blessed greatly during the past two weeks in a revival conducted by Rev. and Sister J. W. Moore. On Thursday night, Feb. 20, Earl P. Paulk, state overseer, conducted the service and on Sunday night, Feb. 23, R. W. Tedder, district overseer, was with us. The church was greatly edified by the stirring message of Brother Paulk. As a result of the meeting nine persons were saved and one sanctified. We truly thank God for His blessings which He has bestowed on the church and the surrounding community. Please pray for me and the church.—C. W. Gregory, pastor, 105 N. Hyde Park Ave.

TAZEWELL, Va.—On the last night of January we started a revival campaign against the devil in Thompson Valley. Brother Martin, of Princeton, W. Va., and I did the preaching. The Lord blessed in every service; the power of God was manifested in a wonderful way. There were six saved, two sanctified and one filled with the Holy Ghost. On the last night Brother W. T. Morefield, district pastor, was with us, also Brother Fatie C. Atkinson, state Sunday school and Y. P. E. superintendent, who brought a wonderful message which was enjoyed by all. Thompson Valley is a new field with much opposition but I say with the Apostle Paul, I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Everyone please breathe a prayer to God for us.—E. P. Musick, pastor, Pounding Mill, Va.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—A three weeks' revival just closed at Hunt Avenue church. Brother Houston R. Morehead, our state overseer, was the evangelist. Brother Morehead did some wonderful preaching under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. The large congregations sat spellbound as the Word was given out.

There were eleven saved, seven sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost, two added to the church with a number

of others ready to come in.

A Rev. Giles and his wife cast their lot with us. Brother Giles is a good preacher, been in the ministry thirty-two years, been preaching for the Assembly of God folks for twenty-five years and comes to us well recommended. We believe that he and his family will be a blessing to the Church of God. The meeting came to a close with an overflowing crowd and the altar full of folks seeking the Lord. Brother Morehead is doing a great work in the State of Missouri and is loved by all.—John O. Yates, pastor, 4224 Vista Ave.

SHAWNEE, Okla.—A three weeks' revival closed March 9, conducted by Brother Kerbo, of Binger, Okla., in which the saints were revived and encouraged, four saved, four sanctified and three filled with the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Wm. Melson, 1134 S. Louisa.

SPEEDWELL, Tenn.—A two weeks' revival, Sister Margaret Jones of Bristol, Tenn., as evangelist, has just closed. There were three saved, five sanctified and two filled with the Holy Ghost. Much good was done.—James D. Humphrey, pastor, Rt. 1.

OLUSTEE, Fla.—We praise the Lord for good old time salvation. We just closed a three weeks' revival with Sister Bessie Odder doing the preaching. Eight received the Holy Ghost, three were sanctified, four baptized and five added to the church. We surely appreciate Sister Odder's work which she did here visiting in homes and talking to people who don't go to church.—Claude Stokes, pastor, Box 55.

ABINGDON, Va.—We have had a wonderful revival at Abingdon conducted by Rev. Atkinson. Many souls were blessed. Among the number I was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I desire the prayers of all the Christian people that I may grow stronger.—James Lloyd Morrison.

MARTINSVILLE, Va.—In the revival conducted by Brother and Sister J. B. Richardson, of Mississippi, and Brother and Sister Herman Harris, of Waynesboro, eight were saved, five sanctified, and three filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother J. B. Sparks is pastor.—Vernie Grant, 1005 Bridge St.

KIMBERLY, Ala.—A good revival was conducted here by Rev. L. W. Ledbetter, in which there was a goodly number saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Everyone's help was appreciated. Pray for God to help us in getting a parsonage here.—Rev. H. L. Kitchen.

NOTES FROM MY LETTERS

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\$201.10. This is more than twice the amount raised last year. Truly the good people have seen the need and are responding freely. Remember us in your prayers that God will constantly be our guide.—Sincerely yours in His service, James A. Cross, district pastor."

—"The Cambridge district convention closed March 23. We had a good convention and good preaching. The mission offering was \$107.76 and orphanage offering \$30.15—an increase in both mission and orphanage offerings over last year. We also secured fifteen subscriptions for the Church of God Evangel.—W. J. Milligan."

Keep the good work going. May the Lord bless you.

—"We had a wonderful time in our district convention. The mission offering was \$102, which was the largest ever recorded in the state of any district convention, and this is a rural district.—Your brother in His service, W. T. Morefield, North Tazewell, Virginia."

From Away Out West in Kansas

"I am staying on the road most of the time. We have organized two new churches and expect to organize another one within a few days. Brother Walker, we have some fine people in Kansas. There is a wonderful spirit of cooperation in our churches. We have, by the help of the Lord, raised about \$200 in fellowship meetings for missions. We are expecting to raise \$500 this year for missions. Sounds big for Kansas, doesn't it?"

"The church at Pratt has its new church building started, and we, the church at Cattopa, started a new building this week. Pray much for us in Kansas.—Wilma Henry, Overseer of Kansas."

Encouraging News From Honolulu

"Greetings in Jesus' dear name. We are rejoicing because the Lord has answered prayer and made it possible for us to open up the work for our headquarters. The Sunday school rooms are the same size as the main auditorium. We dedicated it Sunday afternoon, March 30.

"Remember to pray for us. There is a great unrest here due to the war conditions. — Rev. and Mrs. Fred Litton, Honolulu, Hawaii."

May the dear Lord continue to bless and help you in your efforts there and give you many souls for your hire. Remember that we are praying for you.

The person who is afraid to stand for truth and right will have to suffer the shame of failing in defeat.

LEAVES FROM THE FIG TREE

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PEACE in TRUTH and GRACE reach out into the animal kingdom as well as all the other kingdoms on earth and in heaven, converting, harmonizing, unifying and creating a new heaven and a new earth in this DIVINE cooperative system AND NEW DISPENSATION." The advertisements, of which there are more than a hundred in each issue, carry these inscriptions: In the left hand upper corner, "PEACE." In the right upper corner, "WE THANK YOU, FATHER." Let me quote a paragraph from a so-called message from Father Divine: "I said, I AM THE TRUTH! I WILL SET YOU FREE IF YOU ABIDE IN ME AND HARMONIZE WITH ME, lay down the world and take up your cross and come and follow ME! I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE. I WILL GIVE YOU VICTORY! I WILL EMANCIPATE YOU FROM LOCALIZATION. I will emancipate you from every expression of segregation and I will cause the Bill of Rights to be enacted for you socially and legally and domestically and from every angle expressible FOR I AM THE RESURRECTOR!" His sermons and articles are prefaced with the following statement: "THANK YOU, O GREAT CREATOR AND EMANCIPATOR OF THE UNIVERSE." "THANK YOU, O BLESSED REDEEMER!" "OUR REDEEMER AND SAVIOR, WE THANK THEE." Many other things that trouble the minds of God's people could be quoted. It is one of the wonders of the universe that such a man could attract so many followers as has Father Divine. THE MAN MUST HAVE SOME SORT OF MAGNETISM THAT DRAWS PEOPLE UNTO HIM AND HIS PHILOSOPHY. Another outcropping of the one great delusion that is to sway the universe after the Church has gone!

DELKOGRAMS

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ble together with the saints for worship, to sing, pray, and praise the Lord together. We had also better be with the loyal, (and not only with but one of) those who tithe and give, those faithful ones who give good measure, pressed down, etc.

An old merchant always gave full weight. After that he gave a bit more and his place became known as "the bit more place." Lord help me to be a "bit more Christian."

"Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong."

Now it is time to walk (by faith) and push. A fellow traveling third class (to save money) on a stage coach came to the foot of a long high hill. Then the driver called out, "First-class passengers,

keep your seats; second-class, get off and walk; third-class, get off and push." Third class travelers are in demand now (I mean good humble saints who can really push and who will push together).

I heard of a preacher who, in resigning his church, said the deacons wouldn't deak, the ushers wouldn't ush, and the trustees couldn't be trusted. Such a church (if there is such a one) should come together for good.

In closing I wish to say, Thank God, I believe the majority of our Church is trying to come into the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature (age) of the fullness of Christ. Finally, brethren, farewell, be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace, and the God of love and peace shall be with you. Amen.

News From Eldorado, Md.

We are glad to report that the Lord is still blessing us here in this small town. We are few in number although He is just as real to us as He is to those in large churches. We had a wonderful service last Wednesday night, March 19. The Lord was with us and it was good to be there.

When Brother Folden came here the young folks had just about lost interest in the Y. P. E. and we were not having services at that time, however he started things moving, and now we have a fine Y. P. E. We have different leaders for each service and at present we have the state Y. P. E. banner. We have a true consecrated Christian for our president, Brother Thomas McKelvey. The Lord has blessed us with a good Y. P. E. and Sunday school superintendent, Sister McClure. The work must move on with her behind it.

We are having a good Sunday school too. Our desire is to make this year the best yet. We also thank the Lord for our good state overseer, Brother Milligan, and family. They are a blessing to us. We have our quilt made for the orphanage already.

We would appreciate your prayers that we may stand true and let our light shine out in this world.—Lola Payne Brinsfield.

Has Sweet Peace

I praise God for His goodness to me. I praise Him for everything He means to me. I have seven children. Two of them, one aged eleven and the other aged nine, have the full blessing, for which I truly praise God. I surely love the Church of God at Brindleys Chapel for there is where I found sweet settled peace to my soul. Pray for us, we need your prayers.—Mrs. Charlie Ramsey, Buffalo Valley, Tenn.

There's nothing so self-sacrificing as love.

TESTIMONIES

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sent in a request for prayer. God has touched my body and I am improving. Continue to pray for my complete healing. May God graciously bless those who sent anointed cloths and handkerchiefs.

I thank God for our little church at Stonefield. We all love our pastor and his faithful wife, Brother and Sister D. G. Bozeman. They are giving their time and means for the church and we can see and feel the effects of it. Since coming here they have organized a Junior and Senior Y. P. E. which are rapidly improving with the help of capable leaders. We have a nice group of young people here, but most of them are unsaved. We hope to see each one saved in the near future. We are glad for the improvement of our Sunday school. We have about sixty regular attendants.

On Wednesday night we have Bible study. This has proved to be a blessing. Sometimes we are small in number, but God meets with us in a wonderful way. I want to be humble and ready when Jesus comes or calls for me.—Estes Mullen.

WEST UNION, S. C.—Dear Evangel Family, greetings. I praise my blessed King for His blessings to me. I promised Him some time ago I would testify through the Evangel if He would heal my children who were bitten by some kind of an insect, and He did. Pray that my daughter will be healed of something like appendicitis; she has been threatened with this about three years. I have trusted the Lord for about seven years or longer with my body. He has always come in time.

Pray that I will trust Him to the end. Also pray for my children to be saved before it is too late, and pray for me and my companion to hold out faithfully.—Mrs. Laura Ball.

PICKENS, S. C.—Dear Saints, I praise the Lord for what He is to my soul. I promised Him if He would heal my child I would testify to it and He did. I praise God for it.

Pray for me and my family.—Mrs. Allie Watson, Rt. 2.

LANGSTON, Ala.—Dear Saints of God, I promised the Lord if He would heal my stomach I would write and tell the people what He had done for me. All the glory be to God. The pains went away and have not returned. I owe all the praise to God. Please, everyone, pray for me.—Mrs. Gordon May, Rt. 1.

MT. AIRY, N. C.—Dear Evangel Readers, today finds me happy in the Lord even though I am still afflicted in body. I am glad that He ever saved my soul

from a life of sin and showed me the way of holiness. I know God still loves me and I love Him. I get homesick for heaven and I don't feel like it will be long, unless the Lord sees fit to heal me, until I'll cross over to a happier place.

I had some teeth pulled as they were very bad. Pray that the Lord will provide for me financially. I am nervous, run-down and weak. I stayed in the hospital for twelve days last April. My system was poisoned and I was very sick for almost four days and nights from the medicine they gave me to drive the poison out of my system. I was about thirty miles from any of my people. I sent for them the night I took so sick. It seemed they would never come. I came to the place I didn't mind dying if the good Lord was ready for me. I was so sick I couldn't stand my eyes open but a little at a time.

We need each other's prayers. Please pray for my dear old father to be saved; I do want to see him saved as he is in his old days and he needs the Lord. I want ours to be a circle unbroken in heaven. I've a dear mother waiting for me over there on the golden shore. Pray for my brothers and sisters that they will get right.—Mrs. Katy Farmer.

MANATEE, Fla.—I am glad to say I can report victory over sin and the devil. The Lord means so much to me I don't see how I could live without Him. He hears and answers my feeble prayers and supplies my needs. I praise Him for His healing power; for the way He healed my little girl and for touching my baby's body. I really love the Church paper. I love to read the testimonies; they encourage me so much. I don't see anything in this world to turn back for, so my heart's desire is to go on the last mile of the way as a soldier for God and His cause.

I need your prayers that I can stay humble and bring my three small children up in a way that will be pleasing to God. Also pray for a very urgent request; the Lord knows all about it.—Rena Mae Grif-fis, 1804 6th Ave.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—I surely thank and praise our great heavenly King for healing the arch of my right foot. In my capacity of employment, I am required to walk miles every week. My right foot became so lame in the arch that I could hardly walk. I talked to God and told Him if He would make it every whit whole I would testify of it in the Evangel. I write this to encourage others that they, too, may look far beyond this vale of tears and this beclouded and perplexed world.—N. Roberts, 1707 Franklin Ave.

HOUSTON, Miss.—As I look across the wide open world this morning, it makes me feel blue to think of such a big world and such a few ready to meet

our Lord and Master. If we could only bring one close to God every time we get down on our knees in prayer! Glory to God, I feel like that is where we must spend most of our time. I want to be a blessing to all.

I need your prayers; I haven't been able to attend church for a long time. I have some kind of heart trouble. Please pray for my husband and sister-in-law; they used to be children of God. 1 Thess. 5:6, "Therefore let us not sleep as do others: but let us watch and be sober."—Mrs. Amie Nabors, Star Rt.

HAYESVILLE, N. C.—I praise God for real salvation and I know I am on my way to heaven. The way grows brighter each day. I thank God for our pastor, Brother Daniels, and family. He has surely been good and faithful to come and pray for me. I am a member of the great Church of God. Remember my husband, he has rheumatism in his shoulder and it is getting worse. Also pray for our church and Sunday school and for me to get closer to God.—Mrs. Ray Morgan.

JEFFERSON CITY, Tenn.—Dear Readers, I promised the Lord if He would heal my wife and boy I would testify of it. My wife had the flu some time in January. She was very sick. Almost at once she said, "I am cramping to death." We fell on our knees and stayed there until the suffering was all gone. She was healed.

Our baby boy three years old took the flu and seemed like he had pneumonia. One night after the children had all gone to bed wife and I prayed from 8:00 until 12:30 o'clock before we got the victory, but praise the Lord, he went to sleep and slept till morning and was some better. The next evening Brother Birchfield and Preacher C. M. Jones of Jefferson City came. We had prayer for our little boy, and, praise the Lord, He healed him and he got up and ate supper and before bedtime he was playing again. Bless His good name.

I have had my left arm broken and cut badly but the good faithful prayers have been a wonderful help to me. I can begin to use it a little now. I am still trusting the Lord for both soul and body.—John H. Chambers, Star Rt.

Editorials

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boring Republic of Dominica and its officials are beginning to say, "We hope the Church of God spreads in our country as it has in Haiti. Its religion is a religion for the poor as well as the rich."

Such remarks make this religion sound like the religion of Jesus Christ, for one of the signs of His Messiahship was "The poor have the gospel preached to them." Let us accept the blessings afforded us by The Church of God and ever make it in word and deed "my church."

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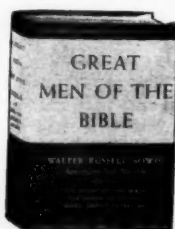


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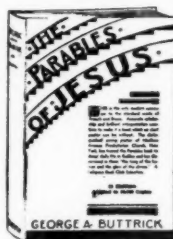
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